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Besides, the following agencies have also undertaken exports of wheat:-

Organisation	Quantity (Lakh MT approximately)
STC(upto 14.03.2001)	135
PEC (upto 12.03.2001)	6.40
MMTC(upto 28.02.2001)	101
TOTAL:	936

The above exports have been made to Bangladesh, Malaysia, Oman, Middle East, South Korea, Iraq, Russia, Philippines, Sudan, Myanmar, UAE and Yemen. The export price ranged between US \$ 102-204.60 PMT.

(c) STC has so far exported 8390 MT of wheat to Iraq against an export order of 3.5 lacchMT.

New SEZs in Andhra Pradesh

2571. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETH A: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Special Economic Zones which have been setup or are proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh togetherwith the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to cover more areas in Andhra Pradesh under these zones; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) In principle approval has been given for setting up of a Special Economic Zone between Kakinada and Vishakhapatnam on the basis of request received from Government of Andhra Pradesh. Formal project proposal indicating all details of the Zone is awaited from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. There is no proposal to set up any new SEZ by the Central Government.

Amendment in Copyright Law

2572. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to amend the Copyright laws making import and sale of counterfeit products a non-bailable offence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the problem of counterfeiting of products have an adverse impact on exports also; and
- (d) if so, the time by which a stringent decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) As per Section 51 of the Copyright Act, 1957, amended in 1999, imports into India of infringing copies of a work has been made an offence to check import of counterfeit products in all its dimensions. Chapters XII and XIII of the Copyright Act contain provisions for civil and criminal remedies providing imprisonment for a period of six months and fine of Rs. 50,000/- There is no proposal to amend the Copyright Act to make import and sale of counterfeit products a non-bailable offence.

Remedies also exist in the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958, both civil and criminal, under which action against piracy of products of registered brands, resulting in infringement of rights, can be secured in the appropriate courts. The Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958 is proposed to be replaced by the Trade Marks Act, 1999 under which the penal provisions for infringement of trademarks rights have been enhanced. Sections 101 to 105 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999, provide, for necessary penalties for counterfeiting. Offences under Section 103, 104 and 105 have been made cognizable and the period of imprisonment provided is to be not less than six months with a maximum of three years with a minimum fine of Rs. 50,000/- which may be extended to Rs. 2,00,000/-

Misuse of licence for import of Scotch concentrates

2573. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of parties which at present hold licence for import of Scotch concentrates indicating the quantity in each case;